

FOR AN EARLY CONVENTION

Formal Notice of National Convention Received
TERRITORIAL DELEGATES
Convention to Select Them Should Be Called.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—Secretary William Grimes today received formal notice from Republican National Chairman Mark Hanna of the time and place of the meeting of the next national Republican convention. Chairman Hanna states in this notice that the territorial convention to elect the six delegates to which Oklahoma is entitled should be held at least thirty days before the time for the meeting of the national convention, April 21.

In regard to the matter of time for holding the territorial convention, Governor Ferguson said today:

"I am in favor of a reasonably early territorial convention, and for these reasons: (1) It will cut short the time for preliminary fighting that is likely to develop between aspirants and between different elements of the party, and thus tend to keep these fights from developing into breaches between individuals or groups of individuals; (2) It will enable the Oklahoma Republicans to get the matter of selecting the delegates out of the way and time to prepare for the congressional election, and by allowing a longer lapse of time between these two will give a chance for any differences likely to develop in the election of delegates to subside before the congressional election; (3) It will enable Oklahoma to come out early in declaring for Roosevelt and his clear and fearless administration, rather than to come in as one of several late on in this matter."

In this connection, the governor said it would be impossible to get a Republican convention together in the territory that would not favor Roosevelt, and that he would like to see Oklahoma as one of the first from out the west to answer the call for Roosevelt.

National Committeeman William Grimes said:

"Yes, I believe there should be an early territorial convention and believe it will be the policy of Mr. Cade, territorial chairman, to call the committee together on his early return from Washington, where he has been in the interest of statehood. There should be an early convention for the reason that Oklahoma Republicans are practically a unit for President Roosevelt for re-election, and the Oklahoma delegates will be so instructed. So, whatever, if any, faction may arise over the selection of delegates and national committeemen will be fully allayed by election time and the Republican house will be all harmony and working together at the polls for success."

"What is true of Oklahoma is also true of the national policy of the party. It being evident that there will be no one candidate offered at Chicago, and that President Roosevelt. Many of the states and congressional districts have called early conventions for the same purpose, and for the further purpose of definitely settling any seeming controversy over any one else being nominated than President Roosevelt. The masses of the Republican party of the nation are for President Roosevelt's re-nomination to the highest office, and if any issue arises as to his nomination, be it political or otherwise, it has been known since his incumbency in office. He has been fearless in all his duties, every act has been an open book. There can be nothing further known of the man or his policies. So that, in passing early upon his candidacy, will be party wisdom and expediency, for the reason that any personal grievances or objections offered for any reason by others that might have any effect on the number of voters against his nomination will be carefully re-opened before election time in the interest of President Roosevelt and the g. o. p."

WHEELS OFF TRACKS.

Train Had a Narrow Escape, Jumping Tracks at a Bridge.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Jan. 27.—What might have been an awful calamity, resulting probably in the loss of many lives, was averted by the hand of Providence today when the Frisco Kansas City-bound train jumped the track at the bridge which crosses the North Canadian river just east of this city a few minutes after 10 o'clock yesterday morning. According to the theory of Roadmaster Fitzpatrick, the morning express train coming from Kansas City broke a rail at the junction of the "Y" track and when the accommodation train reached that portion of the track all wheels except those of the front truck of the engine left the track and came down along the tie for a distance of 30 feet, crossing in this way the entire bridge. The train was composed of an engine, tender, baggage and express car, combination mail car and smoker and two coaches. The occupants of the train did not know what had happened until the train had been brought to a standstill with rather a severe bump. No one was injured, but

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had the train toppled over, no doubt the loss of life would have been awful as the embankment at this place is more than twenty feet high. There were between twenty-five and 100 people on the train.

WILL RETIRE CHARTERS.

Three Banks Find Their Business Unsatisfactory.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—Territorial Bank Commissioner Paul Cowley has received notice from three Oklahoma banks that they will go into voluntary liquidation and surrender their charters. They are, the Citizens State Bank of Curtis; the Citizens State Bank of Custer, each with a capital of \$5,000, and the Citizens Bank of Hedrick, capitalized at \$10,000.

These banks are reported to be in perfectly solvent condition, able to pay out in full and the only reason given for voluntary liquidation is that their business is not meeting expectations. It is also stated that the First National Bank of Harrison, wishes to surrender its national bank charter and substitute for it a state bank charter with a capital stock of \$25,000, which privilege will be granted.

SOLICITS SOME AID.

Western Federation of Miners Would Accept Contributions.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Jan. 27.—Fred Dandell, of Garfield, Colo., representing the Western Federation of Miners, who are now locked out from the Colorado mines, is in the city soliciting aid for the men out of work. In speaking of the situation there Mr. Dandell said: "When the trouble was precipitated upon us we were unprepared for it, and are now being ground under the despotism of the military. Why, they do not allow the newspaper men in the district to print the news. Denver newspaper reporters have been threatened with imprisonment if they dare print facts concerning actual occurrences."

BANDS WILL GATHER.

Will Be in Attendance at the Commercial Travelers' Meeting.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Jan. 27.—Manager Bert Groat, of the Oklahoma City band, is making great preparations for entertaining visiting bands that will be in attendance at the convention of the United Commercial Travelers of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory to be held in this city next May. Among the bands which will be present on that occasion will be Darnell's Ninth artillery, mounted band from Fort Riley, Marshall's band from Topeka, and bands from Independence and Salina, Kan., and from all parts of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

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IMPROVING FORT SILL.

Steam Rock Crusher Has Been Put to Work There.

Lawton, O. T., Jan. 27.—A steam rock crusher has been put in at the stone quarries east of the railroad at Fort Sill and a system of haulways laid out to be macadamized. A steam plow and a large roller have been ordered and arrangements have been made for beautifying the military grounds upon a grand scale. It will require five years to complete the work that has been outlined on the boulevards and it will be done by prisoners. The first consignment, comprising forty military prisoners, will soon arrive from Fort Leavenworth.

LIVED AT CHANUTE.

Man Killed at Tulsa Was a Citizen of Kansas.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—A Tulsa dispatch says the name of the man killed here Saturday afternoon by the explosion of the nitro-glycerine magazine was McDonald and he lived at Chantute, Kan. About two and a half pounds of his bones have been picked up at several yards distance from the place of the explosion. The bones were as dry as if scraped and cleaned days before. Small pieces of the steel magazine have also been found melted as if taken from a furnace.

VISITS FORT SILL.

Captain Oakes of Oklahoma City Will Look It Over.

Lawton, O. T., Jan. 27.—Some time this week Captain Oakes, of the Southwest division, with headquarters at Oklahoma City, will visit Fort Sill for the purpose of looking over the field with the object of selecting this post for maneuvers. He will probably remain here a week and depart with knowledge sufficient to make recommendations to the headquarters.

Cattlemen Are Warned.

Admirer, L. T., Jan. 27.—Indian Inspector J. George Wright has issued a notice to stockmen in the Chickasaw nation stating that they must comply with the tribal law of the nation, which imposes a tax of 25 cents a head on cattle grazing on Indian land or the stock will be ejected. Cattlemen object to the regulations, which require them to make application to the inspector before introducing cattle into the nation.

James Clapp Is Dead.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—A report reached this city last evening announcing the sudden death of James Clapp at his ranch in the Osage reservation. Mr. Clapp was an original citizen of Kay county, having arrived there on the day of the opening. Not long since he removed from his old home at Ponca City to his Osage ranch. He was prominent in the territory and had been elected to office by the Republicans of Kay county.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—Charles Riley, a cowboy, who has ridden in all the roping tournaments and broncho busting contests in this territory in recent years, was killed yesterday at Quannah, Texas. In a like contest, by being thrown from a horse and breaking his neck. The accident occurred on the O. K. ranch near Quannah.

SEVENTY LIVES ENDANGERED

Accident Befell the Frisco Train Out of Oklahoma City

EXPRESS BROKE A RAIL

Surprising That the Entire Train Didn't Go Down.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Jan. 27.—The lives of about seventy people were endangered by an accident that befell the Frisco accommodation train which started eastward out of Oklahoma City at 10:10 o'clock yesterday morning, says the Oklahoma City.

According to the theory of Roadmaster Fitzpatrick, the morning express train coming in from Kansas City broke a rail at the junction of the "Y" track, and when the accommodation train reached that portion of the track all wheels except those on the front truck of the engine left the track and came down the ties for a distance of 30 feet, crossing in this manner the trestle bridge over the North Canadian river.

The train was composed of an engine, tender, baggage and express car, combination mail car and smoker and two coaches.

That the entire train did not make the fifteen foot drop into the water and ice of the river is probably due to the fact that the bridge is entirely new. Had there been a single rotten tie the derailment would have resulted in a serious disaster.

George A. Burns, a commercial traveler residing in Oklahoma City, who was a passenger on the train, in conversation with an Oklahoma representative at the scene of the accident said that the train was bowling along at a speed of about fifteen miles an hour. He said that in the coaches were unaware that anything serious had occurred until the train had come to a dead standstill with a heavy jolt. The movement of the train over the ties, he said, had appeared as a slightly rough section of the track.

The accident occurred in the southeastern suburbs of the city, not more than 300 feet east of the Santa Fe crossing. The marks of the wheels on the rotten ties on the line beyond the bridge indicated that some of the trucks were eighteen inches from the rails on the south side of the track. It is also to be wondered that the train did not tumble from the embankment beyond the bridge.

A wrecking crew under the direction of Roadmaster Fitzpatrick spent the entire day at the work of getting the train back on the rails, but the work was not completed until late last night. Incoming trains had to discharge their passengers at the scene of the accident, from which point they were brought into the city by a relay bus.

CALLS IT A LOTTERY.

Attorney General Roberts Knocks Out the Besse Township.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—Attorney General Roberts today in a lengthy opinion held the Besse Township company, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington, to be a lottery, illegal under the territorial laws and making all its property liable to confiscation to the common school fund. The company was chartered several months ago with \$10,000 capital stock and to operate for twenty years. The principal stockholders are Samuel C. Fulton, of St. Louis and John M. Bayless, of Caswell, Mo., together with George F. Auxier, a capitalist and banker of southwestern Oklahoma. The stock is divided into 1,000 shares, of which Fulton and Bayless hold 499 shares each and Auxier two shares. The purpose of the company, according to the petition for a charter, was to buy, by exchange, deal generally in land and town lots, the entire management to be in the hands of three directors. Attorney General Roberts states that every provision of the company comes under the head of a lottery in the operations to secure the possession of town lots. This is the second company of this kind to be declared a lottery, the other one being a townsite company backed by Kansas City capital and operating in Pawnee and Lincoln counties.

FOR CATTLEMAN'S CONVENTION.

Lawton Will Try to Secure the Meeting Next Year.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—It is now generally known that Lawton will be on hand in force at the cattlemen's convention, to be held at Oklahoma City during the coming month, for the purpose of capturing the next year's convention. Lawton claims that Oklahoma City has promised her support to the movement and expresses herself as certain of securing it if the promise is kept. Lawton also claims that already a large number of the prominent cattlemen of the southwest have expressed their willingness to assist her in her ambition, recognizing that she is a city in the heart of the cattlemen's domain with little of the desirable "west" out of her.

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETINGS.

Day County Will Organize by Township Committees.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—A report from Grand says: The Democrats of the following townships will meet at the following places the first Tuesday in February, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing two committeemen for each municipal township: Benton, Dehob school house; Little Robe, The Thompson store; Grand, Grand; Rawdon, E. A. Houston's; Washita, St. Louis; Streeter, Perkins' store; Dewey, Brantley; Bar Ex, Shirley.

In the absence of the committeemen, any citizen may call the meeting to order. This call has been issued by County Chairman F. M. Sanford.

REMOVED ALL DOUBTS.

Order Has Been Received to Transfer the Records.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—J. J. Boles, register of the local United States land office, received an order from W. A. Hickman, commissioner of the general land office, that has dispensed all doubts concerning the removal of the Oklahoma City land office to Guthrie. As Judge Boles had not received the order abolishing the Oklahoma City office he was becoming a little anxious thinking that some pressure might have been brought to bear at Washington to stop the arrangements for the transfer.

The order received yesterday from the commissioner states that Fettes Corra-

ers, clerk in the land office at Oklahoma City has been transferred to the Woodward office and instructs the receiver of the local office to send one of the clerks from here to Oklahoma City to remain on duty in that office until its close and consolidation with the Guthrie office and to assist in the closing up of the affairs of the office. Commissioner Richards advises Judge Boles further that the executive order providing for the transfer of the office to Guthrie was signed January 15, 1904.

Judge Boles has not yet designated the clerk to go to Oklahoma City to assist in closing up the business. He is to report for duty on February 1.

There are many who believe that this is only the initiative step in the consolidation of all the Oklahoma land offices at Guthrie. It is said that Judge Boles has been promised additional territory as soon as the Guthrie federal building is completed. If this building the land office has a large space assignment and vault capacity. Because of this good office and the safety of the fire proof vaults it is thought that the department will favor further additions to the territory of the Guthrie land office. At least this has been the policy of the department in the past as both the Perry and Oklahoma City offices have been transferred to the office at the capital.

REWARD NOT READY.

It Is Stated That Doubt of Morley's Death Exists.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—When asked last night about the report that he had notified the Cleveland county officials that he would authorize the payment of the \$500 reward offered for the outlaw Sam Morley, Governor Ferguson said that he had taken no such action. County Attorney Wolf of Cleveland county has been no Guthrie several times to see Governor Ferguson regarding the reward and the last time he was here he was given assurances that the reward might be issued in the course of a few weeks should there be no new developments in the matter. So far, however, Governor Ferguson has taken no action in the matter and when he does he will pay the reward to those who killed Morley and not to their agents.

Morley is one of the noted Oklahoma desperadoes. Morley killed Jacob Heitman, a Bohemian farmer, near Noble, in Cleveland county, about two years ago in an attempt at robbery. He secured a change of venue to El Reno after he had been arrested, and when he arrived at El Reno he managed to escape from the sheriff. A few months later a conductor on the Eastern Oklahoma was notified that Morley would board the train. Deputy Marshals Scorgill and Sorels attempted to make the arrest, when the car in which the supposed Morley was riding was placed on a siding. Morley ran and the fight that followed Sorels and Morley were killed. Scorgill and Sorels' heirs claim the reward that was offered for Morley, but Governor Ferguson had evidence that the desperado was still at large and was in one of the Indian reservations. For this reason he has not granted the reward.

Corn Growers Should Organize.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—As a result of the organization of the general agricultural interests in the farmers' institutes, and of the organization of particular interests in the way of horticultural and stock breeders societies, there is a growing demand for the organization of the Oklahoma corn growers. The subject will be handled in an address at the meeting of the Board of Agriculture in this city February 8-12, by Mr. Howard Phelps, of Outwille, who favors such organization.

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Field Is Appointed.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—Rev. S. G. Field, of Crescent City, this county, has received an appointment from General John C. Black, commander in chief of the National Grand Army of the Republic, as an aide-de-camp on the staff of General Black, which entitles him to a seat in the national convention at Boston, Mass., next August, and to visit all the posts and W. R. C.'s in Oklahoma, and assist in memorial exercises.

With Escaped Convict.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—Sheriff Tilghman, of Lincoln county, was here today with a prisoner, Slim Thompson, who escaped from the Arkansas state penitentiary nearly five years ago. Some time ago he was arrested in Chandler, but again escaped and was located recently in Omaha, Neb. He will be returned to Little Rock.

Colored Farmers Organize.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—The Oklahoma Farmers' Union is a new organization of the colored farmers in the vicinity of Luther, says a Luther exchange. This organization was incorporated in 1903, the officers of which are as follows: S. S. Norman, president; S. P. Hudepeth, vice president; T. J. Watson, secretary; P. H. Walker, treasurer; Directors, W. H. Wallace, T. J. Mitchell, A. L. McGilley, J. E. Walker.

Territorial Charters Granted.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—A territorial charter was granted today in the Plymouth Congregational church of Sparks, in Lincoln county, perpetual, with Capt. O. H. Hill, John Morris and Chas. H. Arnold as incorporators.

The Kildare State bank of Kildare filed an increase in capital stock from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Notarial commissions were issued to Hal Johnson of Shawnee and F. N. Winslow of Carmen.

Not Guilty the Verdict.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—J. E. Henderson, president of the St. Louis, El Reno and Western railroad, was today found not guilty of the charge of disturbing the peace and the case against him was dismissed. Attorney Anderson, counsel, was the complaining witness, claiming that Henderson "cussed" him for entering the Guthrie Union station without removing his hat.

Veeder B. Paine Mandate.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—In the Oklahoma supreme court today was resolved from the United States supreme court a copy of the mandate in the Veeder B. Paine case, an appeal from Logan county, wherein Paine claimed the right to all of East Guthrie, asserting that he homesteaded it under the government laws. The higher court knocked out Paine's petition.

Officers Were Elected.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—The Noble county school land lessees met in official session last Saturday afternoon and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Richard Hanzon; vice president, E. E. Van Slyke; secretary, S. T. Alcorn; treasurer, J. B. Tate.

Gray Granite Shipment.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—E. J. Morse of Granite had the honor of shipping the first monument from Granite that was



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made of that beautiful gray granite. The monument was shipped to Durant, Indian Territory and was ordered by Mrs. Grace Fuller for the grave of her husband, who was buried at that place. The stone was made in the form of a boulder and Mr. Morse had done some fine work on it.

City Clerk for Contempt.
Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—City Clerk Jack Slexas, of Guthrie, was before Judge Burford yesterday afternoon for contempt of court, in that he refused to allow Sheriff Carpenter to levy upon certain warrants in the clerk's possession. The court found the clerk not guilty and appointed him custodian of the disputed warrants until further order of the court.

They Will Dance.
Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 27.—Some Omaha Indians are visiting the Kaws in their reservation near Kaw City. They expect to hold a big dance during the latter part of the week.

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